

NBC News | SurveyMonkey Tennessee State Poll Results
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The NBC News | SurveyMonkey Tennessee Poll was conducted online from Tuesday, July 2 until Tuesday, July 16, 2019. Results are among a sample of 1,092 adults aged 18 and over, including 958 registered voters, who live in Tennessee. The error estimate for registered voters is plus or minus 3.9 percentage points.

Complete error estimates can be found in the methodology section below.

TOPLINE RESULTS

Among registered voters

Which one of the following issues matters MOST to you right now?

	<u>Foreign policy</u>	<u>The environment</u>	<u>Terrorism</u>	<u>Immigration</u>	<u>Health care</u>	<u>Jobs and the economy</u>	<u>Education</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>No answer</u>
7/2—7/16/19	3	8	5	26	22	20	9	8	-
9/9—9/24/18	3	7	5	15	25	26	8	9	1

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

	<u>Strongly approve</u>	<u>Somewhat approve</u>	<u>Somewhat disapprove</u>	<u>Strongly disapprove</u>	<u>No answer</u>
7/2—7/16/19	42	15	10	33	1
9/9—9/24/18	36	17	7	39	1

If the Democratic primary or caucus in your state were being held today and the following candidates were running, who would you vote for? [AMONG DEM AND DEM-LEANERS; RANDOMIZED]

	<u>7/2-7/16/19</u>
Joe Biden	33
Elizabeth Warren	18
Bernie Sanders	13
Kamala Harris	12
Pete Buttigieg	6
Michael Bennet	2
Tulsi Gabbard	1
Kirsten Gillibrand	1
Beto O'Rourke	1
John Hickenlooper	1
Cory Booker	1
Amy Klobuchar	1
Julian Castro	1
Seth Moulton	1
Wayne Messam	1
Marianne Williamson	0
Andrew Yang	0
John Delaney	0
Steve Bullock	0
Jay Inslee	0
Bill de Blasio	0
Mike Gravel	0
Tim Ryan	0
Joe Sestak	0
No answer	6

Which of the following do you think should be the top priority of the Tennessee state government?

	<u>Education</u>	<u>Health care</u>	<u>Immigration</u>	<u>Infrastructure</u>	<u>Jobs and the economy</u>	<u>Other (please specify)</u>	<u>No answer</u>
7/2—7/16/19	18	25	9	16	26	5	1
9/9—9/24/18	18	28	8	12	28	6	-

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Lee is handling his job as governor of Tennessee?

	<u>Strongly approve</u>	<u>Somewhat approve</u>	<u>Somewhat disapprove</u>	<u>Strongly disapprove</u>	<u>No answer</u>
7/2—7/16/19	22	48	17	9	3

Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Tennessee State Legislature is handling its job?

	<u>Strongly approve</u>	<u>Somewhat approve</u>	<u>Somewhat disapprove</u>	<u>Strongly disapprove</u>	<u>No answer</u>
7/2—7/16/19	7	53	25	12	3
9/9—9/24/18	7	50	27	13	3

How would you rate the condition of the Tennessee economy these days?

	<u>Very good</u>	<u>Fairly good</u>	<u>Fairly bad</u>	<u>Very bad</u>	<u>No answer</u>
7/2—7/16/19	22	58	16	3	1
9/9—9/24/18	21	57	17	5	1

How often do you trust the federal government to do what is right?

	<u>Just about always</u>	<u>Most of the time</u>	<u>About half of the time</u>	<u>Some of the time</u>	<u>Almost never</u>	<u>No answer</u>
7/2—7/16/19	3	12	26	28	30	1
9/9—9/24/18	2	10	26	34	27	1

How often do you trust the state government to do what is right?

	<u>Just about always</u>	<u>Most of the time</u>	<u>About half of the time</u>	<u>Some of the time</u>	<u>Almost never</u>	<u>No answer</u>
7/2—7/16/19	4	23	31	25	16	1
9/9—9/24/18	2	22	32	28	15	1

How good of a job is the Tennessee state government doing at maintaining roads, bridges and other infrastructure?

	<u>Very good</u>	<u>Somewhat good</u>	<u>Somewhat poor</u>	<u>Very poor</u>	<u>No answer</u>
7/2—7/16/19	6	47	32	15	1
9/9—9/24/18	7	49	31	13	1

How willing would you be to pay higher taxes to improve public schools in Tennessee?

	<u>Very willing</u>	<u>Somewhat willing</u>	<u>Not too willing</u>	<u>Not at all willing</u>	<u>No answer</u>
7/2—7/16/19	19	35	28	17	1
9/9—9/24/18	20	35	26	18	1

How willing would you be to pay higher taxes to fund improvements to infrastructure, like roads and bridges, in Tennessee?

	<u>Very willing</u>	<u>Somewhat willing</u>	<u>Not too willing</u>	<u>Not at all willing</u>	<u>No answer</u>
7/2—7/16/19	15	47	26	12	1
9/9—9/24/18	16	40	30	14	1

Thinking about the elections next year, if a candidate wanted to expand Medicaid in your state, would that make you more likely to vote for that candidate, less likely, or wouldn't it make much difference in your vote?

	<u>More likely</u>	<u>Less likely</u>	<u>Wouldn't make much difference</u>	<u>No answer</u>
7/2—7/16/2019	34	26	38	1

Do you think race relations in Tennessee are getting better, getting worse, or staying about the same?

	<u>Getting better</u>	<u>Getting worse</u>	<u>Staying about the same</u>	<u>No answer</u>
7/2—7/16/19	22	29	48	1
9/9—9/24/18	16	33	50	1

Do you support or oppose removing Confederate monuments and statues from public spaces around Tennessee?

	<u>Strongly support</u>	<u>Somewhat support</u>	<u>Somewhat oppose</u>	<u>Strongly oppose</u>	<u>No answer</u>
7/2—7/16/19	22	11	15	52	1
9/9—9/24/18	20	11	18	51	1

In 1973, the Roe v. Wade decision established a woman's constitutional right to an abortion, at least in the first three months of pregnancy. Would you like to see the Supreme Court completely overturn its Roe v. Wade decision, or not?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No answer</u>
7/2—7/16/2019	44	53	2

METHODOLOGY

The NBC News|SurveyMonkey Tennessee Poll was conducted online among a sample of 1,092 adults aged 18 and over who live in Mississippi, including 958 who say they are registered to vote. The poll was conducted from July 2, 2019 until July 16, 2019. Respondents for this survey were selected from the more than two million people who take surveys on the SurveyMonkey platform each day.

A multi-stage raking was employed to construct state-level registered voter weights. First, postal zip codes are classified into clusters according to their population size, population density, median income and race compositions. Zip code-level characteristics are obtained from the American Community Survey and publicly available zip code databases. Initial weights are constructed by weighting the sample to zip code-level group targets. The initial weights are then raked by gender, age, race and education to match targets obtained from the American Community Survey. The third state of raking weights initial weights to gender, age, race and education of forecasted registered voters for non-voters of 2016 general election and gender, age, race and education of forecasted registered voters and presidential vote for voters of 2016 general election. A time-series based model was employed to forecast registered voter composition, given the Current Population November Supplement samples from 1994 through 2016. The state-level presidential vote targets are obtained from the Federal Election Commission.

Because the sample is based on those who initially self-selected for participation rather than a probability sample, no estimates of sampling error can be calculated. All surveys may be subject to multiple sources of error, including, but not limited to sampling error, coverage error, and measurement error.

To assess the variability in the estimates and account for design effects, we create a bootstrap confidence interval to produce an error estimate. The bootstrap confidence interval for this survey among registered voters is plus or minus 3.9 percentage points.

To calculate the bootstrap confidence interval, we use the weighted data to generate 5,000 independent samples and calculate the 95% confidence intervals for the weighted average. When analyzing the survey results and their accuracy, this error estimate should be taken into consideration in much the same way that analysis of probability polls takes into account the margin of sampling error.

Group	Unweighted N	Plus or minus
Total RVs	958	3.9
Republican RVs	515	5.2
Democrat RVs	128	11.2
Independent RVs	299	6.3
Male RVs	475	5.4
Female RVs	483	5.3
White RVs	784	4.2